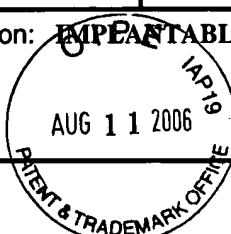
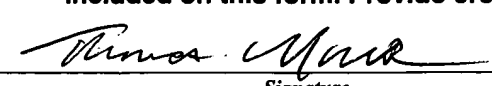
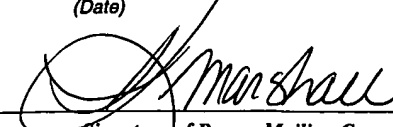
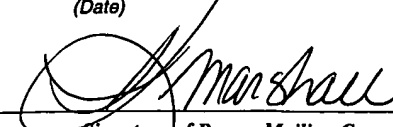
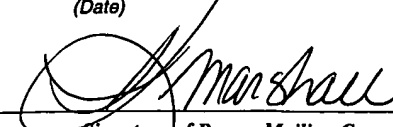


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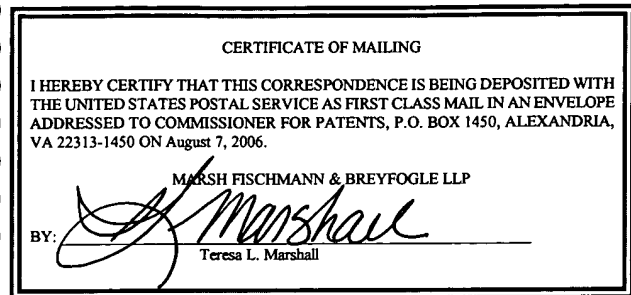
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) **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
) **AFTER FINAL REJECTION**



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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment and Response to address the Final Office Action having a mailing date of June 8, 2006.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$175.00 as the fee for the additional claims presented herein. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due for entry of this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

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